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Owyhee Canyonlands designation fight may rekindle

Western Oregonians renew issue days after Trump's monument move

As a Bureau of Land Management citizens' committee prepares another discussion of wilderness characteristics in southeast Oregon, some residents

on the western side of the state have renewed their push for federal protection of the Owyhee Canyonlands in Malheur County.

A Portland television station reports that the Owyhee Canyonlands Coalition held a rally Thursday to discuss what they think should be done with the 2.5-

million-acre area.

Coalition proponents call the Canyonlands unprotected.

As part of the Owyhee Basin

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Drew Hanley's watercolor won the state Department of Education's holiday card artwork contest and will be featured on the agency's 2017 greeting cards.

Marsing sixth-grader wins statewide holiday card contest



Drew Hanley holds a certificate of recognition and a holiday card inspired by her award-winning artwork.

A Marsing Middle Schooler has landed top billing in a holiday card contest.

Drew Hanley's watercolor depiction of a playful wintry scene has been selected as the overall winner in the state Department of Education's holiday card contest.

Drew's artwork also was tops in the sixth-grade division and will be used on the state agency's 2017 holiday cards.

Her painting depicts children playing in the snow and being pulled on a sled by a dog.

Drew got a certificate of accomplishment and will receive copies of the card to share with family and friends. Drew takes pride in the accomplishment.

Students from kindergarten through sixth grade from across Idaho competed for the opportunity to show their creativity. Individual winners also were named in kindergarten through fifth grade.

Verizon proposes tree antenna near Homedale City Hall

Homedale council gets first look at idea tonight

Verizon Wireless is taking a new tact in its attempt to put a cellular tower in downtown Homedale.

A Boise-based representative of the telecommunications giant will propose two new sites at tonight's final city council meeting of 2017.

The meeting begins at 6 p.m. in the magistrate courtroom inside City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave.

Sitting as the Planning and Zoning Commission earlier this year, council members rejected Verizon's attempt to build a 125-foot monopole on

private property at the corner of West Idaho Avenue and Railroad Avenue.

Tonight, Yvonne Autry, a representative for the company's network real estate Mountain Division, will present two proposed sites — one immediately to the east of City Hall and another to the west of the government building.

There still may be problems with the proposals, though.

The antenna will be 85 feet tall, and there is an artificial tree crown of unspecified height above the telecommunications structure shrouded within branches.

But City Clerk and Treasurer Alice Pegram has confirmed that

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Verizon's preferred treepole location is a strip of US Bank-owned property between City Hall and the bank's rear parking area. Photo from company proposal developed by Horizon Tower LLC



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Former wrestler shares message of addiction, recovery

Subject of Emmy-winning ESPN documentary visits Homedale High

Richard Jensen's saga reached a national stage when the story of his struggle appeared on "Outside the Lines" on ESPN in 2009.

The documentary, titled "Getting Off the Mat" chronicled Jensen's fight back from addiction and won the National Sports Emmy.

Jensen shared his story of addiction and recovery with Homedale High School students last Wednesday.

Jensen wrestled in high school in Tigard, Ore., where he had aspirations to compete in college and to coach.

After graduation he worked on a fishing boat in Alaska. This was a momentous point in his narrative; it was during his time in Alaska that Jensen first tried methamphetamine. When he wasn't in jail or prison, he would continue to use for nearly 15 years.

"For 15 years of my life, I destroyed everything around me," Jensen told students in the packed HHS gymnasium.

"There is nothing cool about drug addiction. What's cool is when kids decide to take the high road, when they decide they want to make better choices than I did."

During the 15-year span, Jensen spent nearly six years

in prison for repeated drug offenses.

In October 2003, Jensen was sent to Oregon State Penitentiary for a year. Shortly after his incarceration began, he received word that his mom had cancer.

Though he spoke with his mother frequently, she passed away prior to his release.

Jensen was released in 2004 and spent his first month in a homeless shelter before entering a treatment plan.

Jensen stayed sober and attended Portland Community College where he did really well. He then enrolled at Clackamas Community College to pursue an automotive technician degree.

It was at Clackamas that he defied the odds and tried out for and made the wrestling team as a 36-year-old freshman.

Jensen won just two matches that first year. His second year he cut down weight and wrestled in the 184-pound class, earned the No. 11 ranking in the country and qualified for the National Junior College tournament.

In 2016, he won the freestyle national championship in the Master's division.

Jensen shared with Homedale students about



Homedale High School students listen to Richard Jensen during his anti-drug use talk last Wednesday.

how using drugs affected the relationships in his life.

"I didn't see my family because I was embarrassed." He added, "Drugs were such a priority in my life that I didn't talk to my daughter for two years."

He also had a message for those who may be struggling with things similar to what he experienced.

"Don't worry about trying to figure it all out. Just win today," he said. "That's what I had to do finally. I had to break it all down to one day. I

had to just not get loaded one day."

Jensen said his drive to get his message out to the public began shortly after the ESPN documentary aired. He went to his post office box and found 25 letters from some students in New York who told him how his story had affected their lives.

He hopped a plane to New York and told his story that first time to 700 seventh- and eighth-graders. His travels and outreach continue to this day.

"This has very little to do with wrestling," Jensen said. "It's about finding your passion, finding your inspiration. I believe everyone has a 'wrestling' in their life, something to keep them on track and focused."

Jensen's message is about more than "Don't do drugs." He stresses the importance of making good choices and, when you get knocked down, having the courage to get back up.

— TK

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Marsing FFA does its part for this year’s Giving Tree

Chapter’s food, toy drive ends
Thursday; Monday is last day
to drop off gifts at tree locations

Marsing FFA students are getting into tractors lately. Advisor Mike Martin and chapter members were in Nampa on Monday to pick up an antique tractor for a restoration project.

The chapter also is in the midst of a holiday food and toy collection project in which they plan to gather as many items as it would take to fill the cab of a self-propelled agricultural field sprayer.

The toy and food drive runs until Friday, and proceeds will be handed over to Marsing’s Giving Tree effort.

“We welcome the community to get involved,” Martin said.

People can donate to the Marsing FFA effort by contacting a chapter member or Marsing FFA Alumni member. They can also call the school

at (208) 896-4111, ext. 188 or contact Martin at (208) 914-1608.

Monday is the deadline for folks to return gift donations for the Giving Tree effort. Tags can be found Logan’s Market, Marsing City Hall and the school district office.

Food boxes and presents will be distributed on Thursday, Dec. 21 inside the Marsing School District cafeteria.

Martin said chapter members took time to figure out how big (in cubic feet) the cab of a sprayer was then they built a wooden box to those dimensions to actually hold the community donations.

The sprayer, provided by Helena Chemical and Eric Stansell, won’t be filled because of the sensitive high-tech equipment that could be

damaged, Martin said.

“The food drive really took off after Eric brought in the ‘tractor’ so students could visually see what our goal is,” Martin said.

Although the applicator won’t be used directly in the food drive, it’s still on site at the Marsing High School ag shop as a prop promoting the toy and food drive.

“If students meet the goal of ‘Stuffing the Tractor,’ my wife and I will sponsor a barbecue for the students who participated,” Martin said. “The menu will be homemade chili plus Rose’s cheesecake.”

Once the FFA chapter’s toy and food collection effort concludes, members will turn their attention to restoring a 1951 Cub Cadet farm tractor.

A Nampa man donated the 20HP tractor to Marsing FFA, and the plan is to have it restored and ready for sale by the chapter’s spring auction, Martin said.

— JPB



Marsing FFA students have built a wooden container to the exact dimensions of the cab of this agricultural sprayer. Submitted photo



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Citizens assist HPD with jumper

Two passersby sprung into action late Sunday night to prevent a woman from jumping off the Snake River bridge near Homedale.

Linda Tunnell of Homedale and an unidentified man pulled

the 27-year-old female off the east side of the bridge where she had tried to step over the railing.

Tunnell said she happened upon a vehicle parked on the bridge with its hazard lights flashing shortly after 11 p.m.

When Homedale Police Officer Andrew Arnold and Owyhee County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Even got on scene, they had to subdue the woman again as she tried to break free and get to the railing again, Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said.

Eidemiller provided few details, citing Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) restrictions, but he did confirm that the woman was transported to West Valley Medical Center in Caldwell for a 24-hour law enforcement hold.

Tunnell emphasized that there is help available for those who are struggling through the Idaho Suicide Prevention Action Network (SPAN).

Volunteers are available to talk at (800) 273-TALK (8255).



Corbin Maxey holds a tortoise near the Snake River.

Marsing's Maxey to talk wildlife at birders meeting

Marsing wildlife expert Corbin Maxey will be the featured speaker for a birding group.

During Thursday's meeting of the Southwestern Idaho Birders Association, Maxey, who lives on acreage along the Snake River, will talk about his own animals and bring some of his favorites.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Deer Flat Wildlife

Refuge Visitor Center, 13751 Upper Embankment Road, outside Nampa.

Maxey has appeared on NBC both during the Today show and Late Night with Seth Meyers to exhibit exotic animals.

He also once had his own television program and often visits schools to show children animals from his riverside refuge.

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Here comes the sun

Debbie Abel captured this sunrise on Dec. 4 near her home on Cemetery Road outside Homedale. Submitted photo

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✓ Canyonlands: Jordan Valley rancher part of BLM SE Oregon advisory council

Stewardship Coalition, ranchers whose families have lived and worked on the land for generations fought successfully against possible national monument designation in the latter days of the Obama administration.

According to a report by Portland TV station KATU, coalition members envision a three-pronged protection program including a National Conservation Area, wilderness and wild and scenic rivers. It's a formula similar to that which was created through the collaborative Owyhee Initiative process that brought together ranchers, recreationalists and environmentalists to stave off national monument designation in Owyhee County.

All three aspects could impact livestock grazing and recreational opportunities in the Oregon portion of the Canyonlands.

The TV report said that Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) is among protection proponents who asked for national monument designation during the Obama administration.

The Owyhee Canyonlands Coalition gathering at a brewery in Portland last week came days after President Donald J. Trump took action to reduce the size of two national monuments in Utah. But coalition members told the TV station that Thursday's event was planned before Trump's announcement.

Meanwhile, the Lands with Wilderness Characteristics subcommittee of BLM's Southeast Oregon Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will hold a teleconference next Wednesday.

The public is welcome to call in for the teleconference, which will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. MST. The conference phone number is (866) 524-

6456, and the participant code is 608605.

The Southeast Oregon RAC advises the BLM on public lands issues pertaining to the Vale District, which encompasses Malheur County, and the Lakeview and Burns districts. Elected officials from Malheur and Harney counties sit on the RAC, and Jordan Valley's Sean Cunningham is the only rancher on the council. He represents federal grazing stakeholders, according to the Southeast Oregon RAC membership page on the BLM website (which incorrectly lists the fourth-generation rancher as a "ranger.")

Among the topics in next week's teleconference:

- Recommendations for allowable actions and allocations of management of lands with wilderness characteristics
- Review of sample

inventory units for RAC model criteria such as vegetation condition, riparian/hydrologic condition, adjacency to other areas possessing wilderness characteristics

• Discussion of recommendations for management actions which would be consistent with an inventory unit's attributes under the RAC model.

Vale District manager Don Gonzalez said the RAC subcommittee meeting will help officials understand where there is consensus on land management objectives and where more discussion on the direction of objectives is necessary.

A half-hour comment period will begin at 3:15 pm. MST during the meeting.

For more information about the RAC subcommittee meeting, contact Brent Grasty at (541) 473-3144.

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 - Dec. 19: Country fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, Calif. blend veggies, roll
 - Dec. 20: Ham & beans, corn bread, carrots
 - Dec. 21: CHRISTMAS DINNER: Turkey w/dressing, sweet potatoes, peas, mashed potatoes/gravy
 - Dec. 27: Baked fish, macaroni & cheese, California blend veggies, roll
 - Dec. 28: Roast beef, mashed potatoes/gravy, beets, roll

Rimrock Senior Center

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- Dec. 14: Creamed chicken over biscuits, steamed broccoli, tossed salad, canned apricots
 - Dec. 19: Turkey dinner, mashed potatoes w/gravy, stuffing, peas, yams, WW roll, pumpkin dessert
 - Dec. 21: Lasagna, green salad, fruit salad, garlic bread, cranberry crumble
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Death notice

JAMES LEWIS KEEN, 74, of Wilder, died Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 at home of natural causes. Arrangements: Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Homedale. (208) 337-3252

University of Idaho
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Managing to reduce winter feeding waste

Are you throwing hay away? Poor feeding methods can result in much of it being wasted, which is in essence like throwing it away! Research has shown that when livestock have unlimited access to hay, up to 60 percent may be lost. This because of over-consumption (above their nutritional requirements), trampling, contaminating with feces and urine, and bedding on it.



Scott Jensen

A dry, pregnant cow with unlimited access to hay will eat 20-30 percent more than her actual nutrient requirement. This can total nearly 700 additional pounds of hay consumed per cow over a four-month feeding period. This is in addition to the quantity of hay that is wasted because of trampling, etc.

While it is impossible to have zero percent loss, good feeding practices can reduce losses to 3 to 6 percent. Let's discuss some good feeding practices that will help keep hay waste as low as possible:

- Feed the right amount daily.

Cows in moderate body condition should consume approximately 2.5 percent of their body weight in dry matter per day (assuming moderate-quality hay). At this rate, a 1,200-pound cow should be fed about 35 pounds of hay daily. This accounts for the hay having 90 percent dry matter and a small percentage of waste. If the same cow was given four days' worth in one feeding, you would need to feed 178 pounds total (nearly 45 pounds daily) because of anticipated waste.

- Restrict access to hay,

where possible.

This can be done by using bale rings or feeding racks to keep the animals off the hay. The most effective racks have metal barriers along/around the bottom to reduce the amount of hay falling out or that animals pull loose and trample. If hay is fed on the ground in a pasture, temporary electric fencing can be used to help restrict access and trampling.

- When feeding on the ground in a pasture, move the feed site around.

Hay should be fed on well-drained or frozen sites. Feeding hay on wet/muddy pastures increases the hay loss and can damage the pasture through excessive hoof action and compaction.

- Be sure to provide sufficient space for all animals to eat at once.

This will help ensure that animals on the low end of the pecking order have opportunity to meet their nutritional needs.

Feed costs typically represent the single-largest expense in a livestock operation, and winter feeding costs are the greatest contributor. Making the effort to reduce hay feeding waste will help keep those costs as low as possible.

— Scott Jensen is the University Idaho Owyhee County Extension educator. He welcomes questions on livestock care. The U of I Owyhee County Extension Office is located at 238 8th Ave. W., in Marsing and can be reached at (208) 896-4104. Contact at scottj@uidaho.edu.

Obituaries

Sachi Kubosumi



Sachi Kubosumi, 90, passed away in Moses Lake, Washington on Thursday, December 7, 2017. Sachi was born on October 22, 1927, in Honeyville, Utah, the daughter of Kenzo and Hatsumi Honda Fujikawa. She grew up and attended schools there, and graduated from Box Elder High School, in the Class of 1946.

Sachi married Jim Kubosumi of Idaho Falls, Idaho on January 12, 1952. They moved from Idaho Falls to Homedale, Idaho in the spring of 1952. Jim and Sachi had three sons, Kenneth, Gordon, and Marcus. The family farmed, and owned and worked a dairy in Homedale, where they milked cows for 35 years.

Sachi spent most of her time raising and educating her boys and attending their school activities. After retirement, she and James enjoyed golfing and going on many different trips together.

After Jim's death in September of 2006, Sachi loved visiting her friends at the senior center, attending church, and she continued to keep busy with her gardening and yard work.

For the past two years, Sachi has been living in Moses Lake, Washington, where she was cared for by her youngest son Marcus, and his wife, Debbie.

Sachi is survived by two sons: Dr. Kenneth Kubosumi of Nampa, Idaho and Dr. Marcus (Debbie) Kubosumi

of Moses Lake, Washington; three grandsons: Michael and Robert Kubosumi, both of Seattle, Washington, and James (Madi) Kubosumi of Meridian, Idaho; four brothers: Kenji Fujikawa, Youzo Fujikawa, Nobe Fujikawa, Kane (Sachi) Fujikawa, and Shig (Frieda) Fujikawa.

Sachi was preceded in death by her parents, Kenzo and Hatsumi Honda Fujikawa, a son, Gordon Kubosumi, and a sister, Mary Kawaguchi.

A viewing for family and friends will be held Wednesday, December 13, 2017 from 5-8 PM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale. Graveside services will be held Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 10:30 AM at Marsing-Homedale Cemetery, and funeral services will be held at 1:00 PM at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Homedale. Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

Pauline E. Hoshaw



Pauline E. Hoshaw, 87, of Caldwell, passed away December 8, 2017 following an extended illness. She was born August 22, 1930 in Caldwell, ID to Seth and Carrie Hoadley, the fifth of ten children.

Pauline attended Lake Lowell Elementary School and graduated from Caldwell High School and later Boise State University. Her mother passed away when she was 18, leaving much of the responsibility of running the house, working on the farm and helping raise her younger siblings to her.

Pauline met William Wood Hoshaw when he was working on her dad's farm. They were married on October 31, 1948. To this union two sons were born, William "Cary" in 1951 and Charles in 1952. Pauline was a stay-at-home wife and mother while the boys were young. Once the boys started school, she cooked at the Lake Lowell School where the boys attended. Once Vallivue was built, she continued her work

there. In 1967, she started working at the Caldwell Memorial Hospital as an aide while also attending BSU to earn her LPN. While working as an LPN she continued her education through night school to earn her RN. She continued working at the Caldwell hospital primarily in the med-surg and obstetrics departments. She was highly respected for her attention to detail, her strong work ethic and her love for her patients. She retired from nursing in 1997 to help Bill on the farm. She never shied away from hard work.

In 2002, Bill and Pauline sold their farm in Caldwell, and purchased a home in Homedale to be nearer to their son Cary. Bill passed away in 2006, and Pauline remained in Homedale until 2011 when she moved to Autumn Wind in Caldwell.

Besides helping raise her younger siblings and her own

sons, she was a second mom to her nephews, grandson and great-grandson. She could always be counted on to help others.

She was a lifetime member of Deer Flat Methodist Church in Caldwell.

Pauline is survived by her sons, Cary (Marcia) Hoshaw of Homedale and Charles Hoshaw of Portland; grandsons Chris (Carrie) Hoshaw, Tony (Justin) Hoshaw and Randy (Heather) Hoshaw; six great-grandchildren, sisters Shirley Oehler, Rachel Wilhelm, and Erlene Tachick; brother-in-law Wendall Hoshaw; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Pauline was preceded in death by her parents, her husband William, her brothers Clayton and Calvin Hoshaw and sisters LaMoyné Wade, Sylvania Gibbens, Clara Babcock and Karen Newhouse.

The family would like to thank the staff of Autumn Wind for their years of love and care given to Pauline.

Memorial services will be held Friday, December 15, 2017 at 11 AM at Deer Flat Church, 17703 Beet Rd, Caldwell, ID 83607. A family burial will be held prior to the service at 9:30 AM at Canyon Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Deer Flat Methodist Church, Children's Wing, 17703 Beet Rd, Caldwell, ID 83607. Condolences can be given at www.flahifffuneralchapel.com

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Reminiscing Owyhee memories

by
Rob Townsend

Somebody asked me ... “Do you have a Christmas story?” Well, yeah, I guess this could be a Christmas story ’cause it most likely happened in December or January of any particular year that we had plenty of snow.

I think everybody likes to go snow sledding, and the Townsend family was no exception. Shoot! All you need is plenty of snow — four or five inches will work, but 10 to 12 inches is better — and something that will slide on snow. Of course, a sled or toboggan is ideal, but inner tubes, trashcan lids, or heck, maybe even an old Kaiser car hood can work fine. And then you need to find a decently steep hill to slide down or a tow vehicle to drag around your sled.

Nowadays I reckon you’d probably use a snowmobile or a 4-wheel-drive ATV of some sort, which would work OK. But back in 1966 we used an Oliver 66 or 77 tractor when we sledded out on Market Road (south of Homedale) or we used my dad’s little Ford 8N tractor (which proved to be excellent) when we sledded at the farm in Homedale.

Somewhere along the trail I acquired an old Kaiser car hood — 1947 vintage near as I can tell by referencing my *Hemmings Motor News* magazine. It was a “V” shaped hood that came up pretty high in the front when it was lying upside down on the snow. We could fit three or four kids or two adults in it real easy. We’d throw some gunny sacks or an old blanket in it for padding and tie a short rope to the inside front for passengers to grab on to. Then we would

tie a longer rope to the outside to hook to the tow vehicle.

My dad, Don, used to pull us four kids around the barnyard on the toboggan we had with the little 8N tractor. This was probably between 1956 and 1964. Then in 1966, my friend Allen and I started using a car hood towed by the Oliver tractor his dad owned. There was plenty of open space out on Market Road and very little traffic, so we could drag the hood down the road at a fairly good clip!

Tractors made good tow rigs because they had individual rear brakes. You would make the tractor turn in a pretty tight circle and depending on the length of the tow rope; some pretty substantial “G” forces could be attained. I think we tried to use a tow rope about 15 or 20 feet long. The tractor driver had to make sure the sled didn’t slide into the tractor or get the rope tangled in the rear wheel and be especially careful not to let the hood slide into a power pole or fence post or whatever! This did occur a couple of times, but there were no serious injuries!

Then about 1984, I started dragging the old Kaiser hood with the 8N



Above: Rob Townsend stands on the 9N tractor with his sons Jeremy (left) and Mike as they get ready to pull the Kaiser hood/snow sled. **Below:** Townsend on board the 9N.

tractor. My wife Shelley and I had two young boys (Jeremy and Mike), and Shelley had two sisters and two brothers. We normally started out cautiously so the kids could get used to the sled. But as time went by and the kids got older, there was a need for speed and large quantities of centrifugal force created by the Kaiser hood going in circles at the end of the 20-foot rope! So sledding around the barnyard was fine, but for more reckless behavior we moved out into an open pasture (yes, complete with cow pies)!

Shelley’s brother Levi just loved the “G” forces created by the little Ford tractor going in a tight circle. One day, maybe even Christmas because we were all together that day, we started out with four kids on the hood. They wanted to go faster and faster, so we moved to the field. Levi hollered up to me and said he didn’t think I could fling them off of the hood! Challenge accepted!

The 8N would go 18 mph in fourth gear but didn’t have the power at that speed to stay in a tight circle with one rear wheel locked up! Besides that, it was just plum crazy dangerous! But third gear worked really fine, and as I worked into a tighter and tighter circle pulling the hood, the kids started flying off! I did finally manage to fling Levi off, but at that point the sled and remaining passenger were mostly airborne at the end of the rope! There is probably a mathematical formula for figuring out the “G” forces we created that day, but I do remember the slobber was flying out of Levi’s mouth before he lost his grip on the rope in the car hood!

I still have that Kaiser hood, and it still has a pristine chrome molding on it and I have the emblem hanging on the shop wall but can’t remember what happened to the Kaiser letter emblem. My sister Julie Cloud still has the little Ford 8N. Now all we need is some snow — not three feet like last year because the little 8N can’t handle it. But just enough!

— Rob Townsend is a Homedale resident with strong ties to the area and deep roots in Owyhee County. Submit your Owyhee country memories to *The Owyhee Avalanche*. Email jon@owyheeavalanche.com or call (208) 337-4681 for more information.



American Legion, Auxiliary to serve free Christmas meal

American Legion and Auxiliary members from Homedale will present their annual Christmas dinner for the community Saturday.

A date of Dec. 9 was incorrectly reported in last week’s edition of *The Owyhee Avalanche*.

The free dinner will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

at the George D. VanDerhoff American Legion Post 32 hall, 14 E. Owyhee Ave.

Organizers urge folks to get their early, though, because the food could run out quickly.

Santa will be present for the children, and a raffle will be held. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Christmas themes arrive at Homedale library

Children attending the Homedale Public Library on Friday morning will get a little science with their Story Time.

“The Night Before Christmas” and “Goodnight Krampus” will be read during the 10:15 a.m. activity at the library, which is located at 125 W. Owyhee Ave.

After the readings, boys and girls will take part in Science,

Technology Engineering and Mathematics exercises such as melting Christmas trees, Christmas light science, and candy cane structures.

Teens & Tweens will get into a building mood, too, at 4 p.m. on Friday.

The boys and girls, ages 10-17, who show up for the weekly event will be able to build and decorate graham cracker structures.

“We are looking for some creative structures,” youth activities coordinator Carol McMichael said. “Prizes will be awarded.”

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DMV computer snafu had no clear impact in county

It’s difficult to quantify how last week’s statewide computer outage specifically affected county Division of Motor Vehicles officers. Newly appointed Owyhee County Assessor Toni Gruenwald said DMW employees in Marsing and Murphy already experience a higher volume of business because of out-of-county residents trying to save time by avoiding Canyon County’s one office. “(Employees) cannot say if the lines are longer because of the down times,” Gruenwald said. The Idaho Transportation Department suspended driver’s license business statewide on Dec. 5 while trying to determine the source of a computer problem. Service was restored to most areas by last Wednesday. “There is not a lot of warning from ITD for the down times for the simple matter they are not anticipating the system to go down,” Gruenwald said. “Any problems are just that the office is down for a while until ITD can fix the problem. ITD tries very hard to address the problem immediately.” Vehicle registration and title services weren’t affected by last week’s glitch.

— JPB

Calendar

Today

- Coffee club**
9 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Preschool Story Time**
10:30 a.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Movie time**
Noon, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Owyhee Watershed Council meeting**
3 p.m., University of Idaho Owyhee County Extension Office, 238 8th Ave. W., Marsing. (541) 372-5782
- Preschool story time**
3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Christian Life Club after-school program**
4 p.m., kindergarteners through sixth-graders, 4 p.m., kindergarteners through sixth-graders, First Presbyterian Church of Homedale, 320 N. 6th St. W. (208) 337-3464
- Homedale City Council meeting**
6 p.m., City Hall, 31 W. Wyoming Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4641
- Grand View City Council meeting**
6 p.m., Grand View City Hall, 425 Boise Ave., Grand View, (208) 834-2700, Monday through Thursday
- Homedale Highway District meeting**
7 p.m., Homedale Highway District office, 102 E. Colorado Ave., Homedale
- Marsing Fire Commissioners meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing Fire Hall, 303 Main St., Marsing.
- Marsing City Council meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing City Hall, 425 Main St., Marsing. (208) 896-4122

Thursday

- Fit and fall exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Owyhee Gardeners meeting**
1 p.m., Lizard Butte Library community room, 111 S. 3rd Ave. W., Marsing. (208) 546-1829
- Crafts for Kids**
4 p.m., first-graders and up, Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meeting**
6:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-3867
- HHS Drama Christmas production**
7 p.m., \$3, students; \$5, adults; \$20, family; Homedale High School auxiliary gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.
- Southwestern Idaho Birders meeting**
7 p.m., guest speaker Corbin Maxey, Deer Flat

- Wildlife Refuge visitor center, 13751 Upper Embankment Road, Nampa.
- AA meetings**
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464
- Rimrock music department concert**
7:30 p.m., Rimrock Jr.-Sr. High School auditorium, 39678 State Hwy. 78, Bruneau. (208) 834-2260

Friday

- Story Time**
10:15 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228, afternoons Monday through Saturday
- Faith-based support group**
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Vision Community Church, 221 W. Main St., Marsing. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com
- Teens and Tweens program**
4 p.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4228 afternoons Monday through Saturday
- HHS Drama Christmas production**
7 p.m., \$3, students; \$5, adults; \$20, family; Homedale High School auxiliary gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale.

Saturday

- Our Lady Queen of Heaven mass**
10 a.m., Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Oreana Loop Road, Oreana. (208) 466-7031
- Homedale Farmers Market holiday market**
10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Homedale High School old gymnasium, 203 E. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 840-0440 or ddixon222@msn.com
- Friends of Homedale Public Library meeting**
10 a.m., Homedale Public Library, 125 W. Owyhee Ave., Homedale.
- Free lunch**
Noon to 12:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th St. W., Homedale. (208) 337-5419
- Senior center dominoes and card games**
2 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays

Sunday

- The Twelve Days of Christmas**
10:30 a.m., children’s program, Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, Wilder. (208) 337-3151
- Children’s Christmas program**
11 a.m., First Presbyterian Church, 320 N. 6th W., Homedale. (208) 473-9331

Monday

- Board of County Commissioners meeting**
9 a.m., Owyhee County Courthouse, 20381 State Hwy. 78, Murphy. (208) 495-2421
- Faith-based support group**
2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 Hwy. 95, Wilder. (208) 455-3660 or songtobe@gmail.com

Tuesday

- Blood pressure clinic**
10 a.m., free, Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Blood pressure clinic**
10:30 a.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Fit and fall exercise class**
10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Homedale Senior Center, 224 W. Idaho Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-3020
- Senior center pinochle**
1 p.m., Rimrock Senior Center, 525 Main St., Grand View. (208) 834-2922 Tuesdays and Thursdays
- El-Ada commodity distribution**
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., El-Ada Owyhee County Office, 15 W. Colorado Ave., Homedale. (208) 337-4812
- After-school program**
2 p.m. to 6 p.m., Knight Community Church, 630 Idaho Ave., Grand View. (208) 845-2019
- After-school Story Time**
4:30 p.m., Lizard Butte Library, 111 3rd St. W., Marsing. (208) 896-4690
- Eastern Owyhee Library board meeting**
5 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Murphy-Reynolds-Wilson Fire meeting**
7 p.m., Wilson Fire Station, 10427 Johnston Lane, Wilson.
- Marsing Lions Club meeting**
7 p.m., Marsing Senior Center, 218 Main St., Marsing. (208) 318-3982
- Friends of the E. Owyhee Library meeting**
7 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library meeting room, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2324, (208) 832-1949 or (208) 834-2785
- AA meetings**
7:30 p.m., Homedale Friends Community Church, 17434 U.S. 95, Wilder. (208) 337-3464

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- Preschool story time**
3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Eastern Owyhee County Library, 520 Boise Ave., Grand View. (208) 834-2785
- Grand View Chamber of Commerce meeting**
5:30 p.m., Grand View Fire Station, 721 Roosevelt St., Grand View.

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HPD officers teach Scouts

Homedale Police Sgt. Mike McFetridge (center) and Officer Danny Zenor (left) visited Cub Scout Packs 409 and 509 at the Homedale LDS church on Nov. 14. The Scouts learned about community safety during their monthly meeting. Zenor volunteered his right leg for the Scouts’ lesson on how to apply a splint in the wilderness using branches and fabric or plastic. Submitted photo



Santa visits holiday market

Santa Claus visited on Saturday with Millie, 6 months and Billy Aicher, 6, children of Jeff and Paula Aicher of Homedale at the Homedale Farmer’s Holiday Market in the old Homedale High School gym. The final holiday market runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Schools set concerts

Marsing and Homedale Elementary students are singing for the holidays. Marsing kindergarten through fifth-graders will sing “Jingle Bells,” “Santa Claus is Coming to Town,” “Little Drummer Boy,” and “Deck the Halls” at 7 p.m. Tuesday inside the school’s cafeteria, 205 8th Ave. W. Homedale third- and fourth-graders perform at 10 a.m., Thursday at the school, 420 W. Washington Ave.



HES students rewarded for meeting goals

From left: Homedale Elementary School physical education teacher Cam Long, principal Terri Vasquez, paraprofessional Raymond Smith, and Homedale Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller help students celebrate a job well done with a pie to the face at elementary school. The children earned the right to partake in the Let the Pie Fly event for meeting certain goals, such as going “above and beyond” in the walking club and exceeding reading goals.



Homedale bands jazz up the holidays

From left: Austin Conant, Tell Morse, Mauricia Villareal, all juniors, perform “Hot Chocolate” with the Homedale High School jazz band. The band performed last Wednesday at the HHS gym during the holiday concert.

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Four of the five women who organized the Toys for Tots drive at the Homedale Senior Center stand with U.S. Marine Sgt. Christopher Wetzel. **From left:** Lynda Woodhall, Donna Fisher, Wetzel, Mary Burman, and Linda Miklancic. **Not pictured:** Cher Atkins

Dozens of toys go to Marines

Five members of the Homedale Senior Center turned over their Toys for Tots haul last week.

Sgt. Christopher Wetzel, who works out of the Armed Forces recruiting station in Nampa, accepted the dozens of toys on behalf of the U.S. Marine Corps.

“We want to thank everyone who helped us,” Donna Fisher, one of the toy drive coordinators, said. “They did great this year.”

The women responsible for the toy drive were Cher Atkins, Mary Burman, Fisher, Linda Miklancic, and Lynda Woodhall.

People placed new, unwrapped toys under a tree at the senior center for about two weeks.

Wetzel said the donated toys will stay in the area to make Christmas brighter for local children.

— JPB

Owyhee Gardeners adopt family for Christmas

The Owyhee Gardeners are helping out a local family in need.

Garden club members will present food and Christmas gifts to their adopted family during their final monthly meeting of 2017.

The Owyhee Gardeners meet at 1 p.m., on Thursday inside the Lizard Butte Library community room.

The Gardeners meet at 1 p.m. at the library on the second Thursday of every month.

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Dec 14: Cheese pizza ripper, tossed salad, fruit roll up
Dec 18: Corn dog, tater tots
Dec 19: Fish nuggets, steamed broccoli
Dec 20: CHRISTMAS DINNER: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes & stuffing, hot roll, pumpkin pie

Homedale Middle
Fruit & salad bar, choice of milk available each day
Dec 13: Pork chop or chicken tenders, mashed potatoes w/ gravy, hot roll
Dec 14: Chicken nuggets or orange chicken, steamed rice, broccoli
Dec 18: Hot dog or chicken patty, potato wedges
Dec 19: Pepp. pizza ripper or PB & J sandwich, tossed salad, cookie
Dec 20: CHRISTMAS DINNER: Turkey & gravy, mashed potatoes & stuffing, hot roll, pumpkin pie

Homedale High
Salad, fruit choice and choice of milk available each day
Dec 13: Orange chicken, steamed rice & egg roll or BBQ pulled pork sandwich and pork & beans, fortune cookie
Dec 14: Nachos or Grag n’Go chef salad, cookie
Dec 18: Sliced ham w/dinner roll or chicken nuggets, diced sweet potatoes w/butter & brown sugar glaze, goldfish crackers
Dec 19: Spicy chicken sandwich or cheeseburger, potato wedges
Dec 20: CHRISTMAS DINNER: Turkey & gravy mashed potatoes & stuffing hot roll, pumpkin pie

Marsing Elementary
Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily
Dec 13: Lasagna w/garlic bread, green beans or PB & J, green beans, Jello w/topping
Dec 14: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, whole wheat roll, buttered corn or PB & J, buttered corn
Dec 18: Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans, Italian breadstick or PB & J, green beans
Dec 19: Holiday ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, apple crisp
Dec 20: HALF DAY SACK LUNCH: Assorted sandwiches, apples or carrot sticks, chips, cookie

Marsing Middle and High
Milk variety, fruit & veggie bar offered daily
Dec 13: Lasagna w/garlic bread, green beans
Dec 14: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, whole wheat roll, buttered corn
Dec 18: Spaghetti & meatballs, green beans, Italian breadstick or Chicken parmesan, green beans, Italian breadstick
Dec 19: Holiday ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, apple crisp
Dec 20: HALF DAY SNACK LUNCH: Assorted sandwiches, apple or carrot sticks, chips, cookie

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✓ **Verizon:** Telecommunications giant makes second attempt at tower

city regulations cap the height of structures at 80 feet. Verizon would have to seek a variance to go above that height.

The company's first preference is on vacant land owned by US Bank that is adjacent to the City Hall footprint on West Wyoming Avenue. The second preference is in the corporation yard of the South Board of Control on the southwest corner of the West Wyoming-First Street West intersection.

Verizon's plans also provide for expansion space for other service providers on the 85-foot antenna. The City of Homedale already provides rental space on its municipal water tower for AT&T and T-Mobile.

In its preliminary information to the city, Verizon hasn't addressed whether the proposed antenna would affect City Hall telecommunications. Police, Fire and Ambulance communications emanate from an area near the proposed sites, and the state recently installed technology so the court clerk's office could upload information to the new statewide online court records network.

"Speaking for myself, my concern would be is it going to cause any kind of RF (radio frequency) interference with emergency communications," Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller said.

"Fire department, ambulance and police department communications are all within a block of each other."

Instead of a monopole antenna, as was proposed earlier this year, Verizon has drawn up plans to erect a "treepole." The antenna will be disguised as a pine tree, and it's actually called a "monopine" in the Verizon technical drawings.

According to Verizon's submitted plans, the antenna would be surrounded by security fence, and 20-foot-tall pine trees would be planted on either side of the site outside the fence line.

Other items on tonight's agenda:

- The council will approve the Nov. 7 city council election results in the wake of the Board of County Commissioners canvass.
- Former two-term councilman Tim Downing and current public library board member Mike Aebischer won in a four-way race for two four-year terms. They'll take the oath of office to succeed Jerry Anderson and Shane Muir at the Jan. 10 council meeting.
- Department heads will give their monthly reports, too.

— JPB

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Making the rounds

Homedale Ambulance member Tonya Garrison sells a sack of oranges to Rob Aman outside The Owyhee Avalanche office Monday. Garrison and fellow ambulance crew-member Teresa Ryska visited local businesses for the annual fundraiser, and oranges were also sold at the ambulance shed on West Colorado Avenue.



First-responders set to deliver Christmas to those in need

Homedale Wish Tree proceeds distributed Saturday, same day as Shop with a Sheriff in Nampa

Volunteers from Homedale Fire and Ambulance will distribute presents to the annual Wish Tree participants Saturday.

The town’s police officers, though, may be late.

Police Chief Jeff Eidemiller explained that his officers will join the distribution effort after they return from the annual Shop with a Sheriff event in Nampa.

This year, through private donations and money from the Rodger Nash Community Fund, HPD is able to sponsor six children for the event, which is going through some changes.

The Owyhee County Sheriff’s Office is sponsoring four children, and the sheriff’s Posse is paying for three children.

The children shop for themselves, but invariably wind up buying presents for their siblings and parents, too.

Previously held at the Nampa Kmart, the event has been renamed (it used to be Shop with a Cop), and it will begin at the Saint Alphonsus Medical Center location on Garrity Boulevard for breakfast.

Police officers and sheriff’s deputies from around the area

will eat breakfast with the boys and girls, whose parents will drop them off at the hospital at 6:30 a.m.

After breakfast, each law enforcement official will take a child in their patrol car, with lights and sirens activated, and drive a short distance to the Walmart store across the street from the Ford Idaho Center.

In years past, the patrol cars would make a long and noisy caravan down Nampa-Caldwell Boulevard to the Kmart.

Eidemiller urges folks to continue to support the Wish Tree effort for families of children who aren’t being helped by Shop with a Sheriff.

“We want to remind people that the Wish Tree is still going,” he said. “Wish Tree is such a tremendous program, and it has been for many years.”

Eidemiller said that no taxpayer dollars are being used to finance HPD’s participation in Shop with a Sheriff. He also said that anyone who wants to contribute to the Rodger Nash Community Fund to help future community outreach can call City Hall at (208) 337-4641.

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Sauers back in Marsing for anti-texting talk

Taylor Sauer’s family returns to her alma mater this week to continue their efforts to dissuade texting while driving.

Taylor died in January 2012, months after graduating from Marsing High School as Class of 2011 salutatorian. She was texting on Facebook and driving on Interstate 84 near Mountain Home when her

vehicle ran into the back of a semi.

The Sauer family continues efforts to put a spotlight on the personal aftermath of tragedy.

Taylor’s mother and father, Shauna and Clay, and her sister Emerson will present an hour-long Put It Down community assembly beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday inside the MHS gymnasium on Main Street.

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Grazing lands continue rebound from Soda Fire

Even with rehab victories, invasives loom

Several pastures scorched by the Soda Fire more than two years ago are back in use, and the majority of the remaining grazing lands should be able to take cows early in the spring, if recommendations hold firm. Owyhee County commissioners chair Kelly Aberasturi shared a list of grazing resumption decisions in the wake of two public tours of the areas affected by the August 2015 wildfire.

Bureau of Land Manage-

ment Boise District manager Lara Douglas briefly outlined the comprehensive strategy of targeted grazing for fuel breaks and spraying herbicides to combat invasive grass and weed species during a sage-grouse land use plan scoping meeting in Marsing.

“Some of the areas where they did a good job of chemical spraying and that, it really did help with the invasives,” Aberasturi said days after attending a Soda Fire burn area tour.

“Also on the flip side of that, this was the second time on drill seeding, and already two years out now — because of two years of spraying — it did get rid of the weeds and grasses

are coming back.”

Not everything is rosy. “What I see out there, though, is a tremendous amount of medusahead has really taken off,” the District 2 commissioner said.

Aberasturi said he also noticed a lot of scotch thistle during the tour. He did ask BLM Vale District manager Michelle McDaniels about the possibility of spraying for thistle on the Oregon side of the affected area because the infestation could easily creep

into Owyhee County.

The November tours took attendees across much of the Idaho area of the fire.

- Targeted grazing on the Owyhee Front was examined.
- The group toured allotments in the Rockville pasture in two spots, including McBride Creek
- The tour also took in part of Cow Creek before moving into Oregon to get a look at chemical and seeding treatments.
- Aberasturi said the group also viewed an area in Idaho

that had just undergone drill seeding and sagebrush seedling placement.

Another tour was held last week.

Aberasturi is Owyhee County’s weed superintendent, and he spoke about battling weeds as part of the Soda Fire resource rehabilitation during the recent Southwest Idaho Weed Control Association Fall Weed Control Seminar in Caldwell.

— JPB

Boisean wanted on drug charges arrested in Marsing

Marsing man accused of driving drunk

What originated as a report of an abandoned vehicle in Marsing turned into an arrest for a woman wanted for skipping a court date in Ada County.

When Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputies arrived Friday to tag a vehicle that had been reported to dispatchers as abandoned, two people inside the car drove off.

Deputies stopped the vehicle in a Marsing store’s parking lot and arrested Boise resident Taylor Adams, 20. She was charged with misdemeanor driving without privileges in Owyhee County, but deputies also detained her on a felony failure to appear warrant out of Ada County.

Adams faces one count each of felony methamphetamine possession and misdemeanor paraphernalia possession in Ada County.

42, of Marsing was charged with driving under the influence Sunday in Marsing.

His blood-alcohol concentration was measured at .191. He was additionally cited for failure to purchase a driver’s license and no insurance.

- An Owyhee County Sheriff’s deputy were alerted to a one-car rollover Sunday on Mud Flat Road in Grand View. There were no injuries, but Juan Allamilla Moreno, 37, of Bruneau was cited for leaving the scene of an accident, failing to notify authorities of an accident, and driving without privileges.
- Thomas Arellano, 58, of Meridian was detained on a felony warrant Thursday for failure to appear in court. He is accused of burglary and writing a bad check at Grand View Gas. Arellano is being held in Ada County Jail on a \$2,500 bond.

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Judge tosses felony DUI, misdemeanor still looms

New charges are expected after a judge threw out the case of a Marsing man accused of felony driving under the influence.

Merrick T. Wright, 31, could still face a misdemeanor reckless driving charge even though Magistrate Judge Dan C. Grober dismissed the felony DUI charge filed in the wake of an accident that landed two Caldwell women in the intensive care unit of a Boise hospital.

Owyhee County Prosecuting Attorney Douglas D. Emery said the aggravated DUI charge was dismissed during a Dec. 4 preliminary hearing after Grober ruled that Wright's Breathalyzer test was inadmissible.

Emery said Grober's decision came after testimony from an Idaho State Police trooper.

Grober ruled Breathalyzer results were inadmissible because, “it could not be verified from testimony of the officers present, that the 15-minute waiting requirement prior to administering the test had been followed,” Emery said.

The prosecutor explained waiting requirement assures that a suspect “does not belch, burp nor vomit stomach alcohol into the mouth, immediately prior to

blowing into the machine.”

Wright's blood-alcohol content was allegedly .166 on Aug. 7 after an off-road wreck in the Hardtrigger area.

- Boise resident Stephen S. Tichacek-Clark will spend no more time in jail after pleading guilty to misdemeanor excessive DUI.

Grober sentenced the 26-year-old man after he changed his plea during a Dec. 4 pretrial conference.

Grober suspended 177 days of a six-month jail term and gave Tichacek-Clark credit for three days he spent in Owyhee County Jail after his Sept. 16 arrest.

Tichacek-Clark, whose BAC measured .224 at the time of his arrest,

Tichacek-Clark must also pay \$750 in fines and court costs. The costs include a \$150 public defender fee, \$202.50 in court costs and a \$397.50 fine.

The man also must enter an alcohol education program, and he'll have to serve one year of supervised probation.

Grober also suspended Tichacek-Clark's driver's license for six months.

— JPB

Another grant beefs up MHS STEM

Marsing High School got to break out its new CapEd grant-funded equipment last Wednesday.

Science teacher Nic Usabel's students were using ion-selective nitrate, ammonium and potassium electrodes next to the Snake River bridge in Marsing to analyze water quality.

He received another grant to help bolster Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education at his alma mater.

This time, the Whittenberger Foundation has come through with a \$3,900 grant to help with a photosynthesis curriculum component.

“I was excited that the foundation awarded the entire sum that was requested in the grant,” Usabel said. He received the grant check earlier this month.

Usabel has taught at MHS since 2014, and he's no stranger to Whittenberger assistance.

Usabel and MHS science department chair John Lindley received a foundation grant for a hydroponics system previously. Lindley also assisted with this latest grant try.

"I appreciate the help John Lindley provided with final edits to the grant application," Usabel said.

Usabel, who focuses on Earth Science, Biology Survey and Botany, received a \$730 CapEd grant in September to for equipment to help his students carry out a water quality study.

Usabel's Biology Survey students will be the primary beneficiaries of the Whittenberger grant.

New instruments will give students hands-on lab examination of photosynthesis, cellular respiration, enzyme activity, and fermentation.

Equipment purchased includes CO₂ and O₂ gas sensors, gas pressure sensor, and optical dissolved oxygen probe. The items were purchased from Vernier Software and Technology in Beaverton, Ore.

Earth Science students will be able to use other technology to measure barometric pressure with relationship to weather conditions, Usabel said.



Marsing High School science teacher Nic Usabel (left) explains water-testing results to his students at Island Park last Wednesday.

“It’s my goal to have those items here just before winter break so that I have some time to work with the new devices,” he said.

The equipment will measure the effects of light and temperature on photosynthesis. Data analysis will enable students to achieve:

- Evaluation of the connection between photosynthesis and respiration
- Identification of barometric pressure and results of weather conditions
- Detection of changes in relative humidity with temperature
- Measuring enzyme reactions, yeast and fermentation products, soil moisture, and soil quality

Some Whittenberger funding will dovetail with the water quality study, Usabel said.

The water quality experimentations began earlier in the fall when students began collecting water samples.

“This data will lead us in the discussion of nutrient requirements for plants and (helps students practice gathering) samples of leachate,” he said.

Usabel has deep roots in the Marsing community and its education system. His father, Joe Usabel was chairman for 19 of the 22 years he served on the school board. Grandfather Roman was a school board member for 12 years.

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- M3: Coffee cup w/ screw on lid, fishing hat, ball cap, cologne (JOOP)
- M4: 3X long sleeve button up western shirts, sweat pants (3X), non-skid socks XL, drawing paper/pads, colored pencils, markers
- M5: ~~Electric razor~~, insulated fleece pants (M), ~~long sleeve shirts (M), fleece vest (M)~~, mens diary
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- F9: Long sleeve blouse (L pink, purple, maroon), slippers (L), eye glass case, perfume (sweet pea)
- F10: ~~stretch jeans (XL)~~ L-tops/weaters, perfume (winter wonderland)
- F11: Bath & Bodyworks lotion and spray (thousand wishes), slippers (9), ~~sweat suit (M pink or blue)~~
- F12: ~~red soft throw blanket, S blouses (long sleeve), S elastic waist pants, vest, stuffed animal~~
- F13: lace cammi (undershirts XL) blouses 2X, scarves, sweat pants 2X, ~~bath and body works lotion/spray (Tropics cherry blossom)~~
- F14: ~~pajamas (XL)~~, country and western music CDs (Alan Jackson), western books on CD (like Louis Lamour), Blouses (XL), dress pants elastic waist (XL)
- F15: ~~Bath & Bodyworks lotion/spray (warm vanilla sugar)~~, sweat pants (M), tops (M long sleeve), vest (M), stuffed animal
- F16: sweat suits (XL blue or pink), fuzzy slippers (9-10), ~~pajamas (XL)~~, Bath & Bodyworks lotion/spray
- F17: ~~nightgown (M)~~, anything Betty Boop, fuzzy non-skid socks (7), Jacket (M), blouses M & pants L, romance books (any author)
- F18: isotoner gloves (L), hooded zip up sweat shirts / jacket (4X), ~~shawl (2X)~~, CDs Jim Nabors, Josh Kroben, stretch jeans elastic waist (3X)
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As Friday's final horn sounded, players from both sides congratulated one another on a hard-fought contest. **From left:** Oakhill College's Nathan McCranor greets Homedale's Nelson Lomeli, Oakhill's Daniel Paino (19) prepares to shake hands with the referee, Lee Forster prepares to greet Llamas, Josh Cavallo, shakes hands with Homedale's Carson Brown and Arnulfo Llamas, and Homedale's Robert Evans-Quijano greets Oakhill's Zachary Elhayek.

Homedale hits from downtown to beat boys from Down Under

Trojans play host to Aussie team's first Idaho game

Matt Holtry got a bit of a shiver when he glanced at the name of Homedale High School's boys' basketball opponent days before Friday's special contest.

Once billed as an Australian Select team, the Trojans' non-conference foe was to be Oakhill College.

"I thought, 'Chad, what have you gotten us into?'" the HHS principal said.

No worries, mate.

High schools in Australia are commonly called "colleges." The team that second-year coach Chad Mann had booked was, in fact, a high school team from the Sydney area that was making a summertime (for them) swing through Idaho and Colorado for a series of games.

After plenty of a fanfare to make the Aussies feel at home, the Trojans put together their best offensive night of the season to roll, 58-34, before an underwhelming crowd.

At least one faculty member lamented the fact that there weren't more people in the stands for the international tilt. The Homedale girls' basketball jaunt to Baker City, Ore., and a wrestling tournament in Nyssa, Ore., may have affected the turnout.

There was a strong student section, blasting Men At Work's "Down Under," and carrying signs of goodwill.

Senior Mia Sickinger was standard bearer for the Australian flag the HHS staff had secured for the event. She stood at midcourt as the country's anthem played prior to the varsity game. She also toted a homemade sign with a heart drawn between to the two countries' flags.

"This was the first international game in Idaho," Mann said. "This is something I'll be really proud to say that we'd done."

"I played with some Australians in the (Air Force), so to be able to welcome them into our house was special."

Oakhill College played Vallivue in Caldwell in a Saturday matinee and was scheduled to play Minico on Monday

— See **Homedale**, back page



Homedale guard Daniel Uranga fires a pass through converging Oakhill College defenders and out to fellow sophomore Arnulfo Llamas in the second half.

Calhoun Classic MHS soph wrestles to fourth

Adonis Stelzried got an early look at what may be ahead for the conference wrestling season during the weekend.

The Marsing High School sophomore rallied from an opening-round loss to finish fourth at 145 pounds in the Calhoun Classic.

Stelzried's first loss of the season came against a fellow 2A Western Idaho Conference competitor. McCall-Donnelly's Beau Car pinned Stelzried in 3 minutes, 27 seconds on Friday

— See **MHS**, page 7B

Trojans get JV medals

With two wrestlers capturing medals, Homedale High School finished seventh in the Calhoun Classic junior varsity division.

Ivan Cortez competed for the championship at 170 pounds, losing by pinfall to Seth Butler of Pine Eagle from Halfway, Ore.

Trojans teammate Barton Strack (160) pinned Layne Murdock of Parma in 3 minutes, 48 seconds to collected third place.

Marsing, which was 15th in the team standings, had only one wrestler reach the podium.

Freshman Isai Arriaga outlasted Caldwell's Titus Mitchell, taking a 17-16 decision for third place at 152 pounds.

Adrian's Logan Griffin reached the semifinals at 145, but Nyssa, Ore.'s Andy Diaz prevailed with a pin 55 seconds into their match.

Griffin had pinned Miguel Gallegos of Caldwell and Emmett's Blake Dillon to reach the semis.

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- Homedale varsity results and photos from the tournament

- Marsing splits first duals of the 2017-18 season

Homedale Trojans

Girls' basketball
Faith Jacobson, sr., G
Averaged 9.5 points, 3 rebounds in 1-1 week

Boys' basketball
Carson Brown, jr., G
Used three-pointers to score 23 points vs. Australians

Wrestling
Jaegar Rose, jr., 145 pounds
Reached Calhoun Classic semifinals

Girls' basketball

Varsity
Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Invitational
Thursday, Dec. 14 at Columbia, Nampa, 6 p.m.
If win Thursday: Friday, Dec. 15 vs. Skyview 2 or Ontario, Ore., Skyview H.S., Nampa, 3 p.m.
If lose Thursday: Friday, Dec. 15 vs. Skyview 2 or Ontario, Ore., Nampa H.S., 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16: Games scheduled for 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. (at Skyview or Columbia)

Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 14 at Columbia, Nampa, 3 p.m.
If win Thursday: Friday, Dec. 15 vs. Ontario, Ore., or Valluvue, Columbia H.S., Nampa, 6 p.m.
If lose Thursday: Friday, Dec. 15 vs. Ontario, Ore., or Valluvue, Nampa auxiliary, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16: Games scheduled for 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. (at Nampa H.S. gyms)

Frosh-soph
Thursday, Dec. 14 at New Plymouth, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 19, home vs. Weiser, 4:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball

Varsity
Today's Dentistry Elite Eight Invitational
Thursday, Dec. 14 at Nampa, 7:30 p.m.
If win Thursday: Friday, Dec. 15 vs. Skyview or La Grande, Ore., Skyview H.S., Nampa, 7:30 p.m.
If lose Thursday: Friday, Dec. 15 vs. Skyview or La Grande, Ore., Nampa H.S., 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16: Games scheduled for 12:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. (at Skyview or Columbia)

Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 14 at Nampa, auxiliary gym, 7:30 p.m.
If win Thursday: Friday, Dec. 15 vs. Skyview or Nampa Christian, Columbia H.S., Nampa, 4:30 p.m.
If lose Thursday: Friday, Dec. 15 vs. Skyview or Nampa Christian, Nampa auxiliary, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16: Games scheduled for 12:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. (at Nampa H.S. gyms)

Frosh-soph
Thursday, Dec. 21 at Vale, Ore., 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Adrian tri-meet with Marsing, 6 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 15 at Wiley Dobbs Invitational, Canyon Ridge H.S., Twin Falls, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16 at Wiley Dobbs Invitational, Canyon Ridge H.S., Twin Falls, 9 a.m.

Churches present children’s Christmas programs Sunday

Two Homedale churches start their Christmas observations Sunday with children’s programs.

The Twelve Days of Christmas will be presented at 10:30 a.m. at Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, 26515 Ustick Road between Wilder and Homedale.

Call (208) 337-3151 for more information.

At 11 a.m., the First Presbyterian Church in Homedale will hold its children’s Christmas program. The Presbyterian church is located at 320 N. 6th W. Call (208) 473-

9331 for more details.

Both churches continue their Christmas celebrations on Sunday, Dec. 24.

At Mountain View Church of the Nazarene, there will be at Christmas Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

The church also plans a candlelight Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m.

There are two services planned at the Presbyterian church on Christmas Eve, too.

Worship will be held at 11 a.m., and the candlelight service will start at 5 p.m.

County secures funds for OCSO dispatch

An end-of-the-year addition to a grant funding pool may beef up Owyhee County’s 911 response capabilities.

The Board of County Commissioners accepted an addition of more than \$14,000 to its 2015 State Homeland Security Program grant during a Dec. 4 meeting.

The Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) has added funds to Owyhee County’s 2015 State Homeland Security Program grant.

The SHSP program, which is administered through the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM), operates on federal grant money.

Each county gets a set amount and additional funding based on population.

Owyhee County’s initial funds for the 2015 grant was \$27,032.51, and an additional \$14,018.72 was added to that total through the grant adjustment notice process.

The IOEM retrieves money that has been given to counties but not spent and makes it available for a competitive project application process.

“We have fully expended our allocated funds for every year that I have been doing this work (since 2008), so we were eligible to submit a project,” county emergency services coordinator Jim Desmond said.

“Sheriff’s dispatch supervisor, Christine Ballard, identified a need for the county that could be addressed in the end-of-year grant process.”

Ballard suggesting replacing radios that dispatchers use

to complete the emergency response cycle after receiving a 911 call. Upgrading the radios could improve response time.

Commissioners signed off on other action during their Dec. 4 meeting, including:

- In order to make appropriate space for new part-time deputy criminal prosecutor Ken Kreis, there has been some shuffling at the county offices.
- The plan is to move the Owyhee Initiative office to the law library so that Kreis can utilize space in the Bachman Annex, the Hailey Street residence that now houses the county prosecuting attorney’s office. The law library is located behind the Planning and Zoning building on Basey Street.
- It was decided that with such easy access to online materials, it’s unnecessary to keep outdated books in the library, therefore freeing up the needed space.
- Owyhee County has purchased a new snowplow to be mounted on an existing county vehicle. The Western Heavyweight 10-foot plow cost \$8,365.
- New Owyhee County chief deputy assessor Leslie Hinton has been authorized for a pay-grade change to grade 8. The new pay bump will put Hinton at \$18.86 per hour.

— TK



Job Waters, 9, (center) controls what Heston McIntyre, 8, (left) sees through virtual reality goggles as Rhett Brackett, 9, sets up a smartphone to view with his goggles. All three are Marsing Elementary third-graders. Rhett’s parents are Kim and Ira Brackett, Job’s parents are Shenoa and Mike Waters, and Heston’s mom and dad are Jill and Brad McIntyre.

For Christmas all Marsing teachers want are used smartphones for VR

Donations will help enable dozens of devices Marsing obtained with grants

A couple of Marsing schoolteachers would like to talk to anyone who might have a new smartphone under the Christmas tree.

Ken Price and John Barenberg are trying to build a collection of phones that can be used with virtual reality goggles.

Price, who is the school’s 21st Century Community Learning Centers director, said MES was able to double its inventory of virtual reality devices to 16 with a \$2,428.82 grant from the Idaho STEM Action Center.

In October, another grant was used to buy 60 additional VR headsets.

Now, the school needs more smartphones so all the VR hardware can be utilized.

“These devices will be used to take third- through eighth-graders on virtual field trips that offer a more compelling experience than the traditional classroom activity,” Price said.

“Envision students learning about significant climatic or geologic occurrences in virtual reality.”

Having enough phones to pair up with goggles is crucial to the project objective, so Price and Barenberg have started a “phone drive.”

They’re asking folks who have phones they no longer will use to consider donating them to the school district. Smartphones and iPhones both can be used.

“The smartphone is the major expense with implementing VR in schools and elsewhere,” Price said. “However, if one can acquire used smartphones or provides their own, then the cost is found only in the \$20 headset and a good wifi connectivity.”

Donations may be tax-deductible. Price said folks donating phones that are less than four years old will receive a school district receipt declaring the phone’s market value.

Contact Price at kprice@marsingschools.org for more information on the phone collection project.

A third-grade teacher, Barenberg received a \$1,400 grant from the Southwest Idaho Legacy Organization (SILO) in October to help introduce virtual reality to Marsing youth.

He plans to take a set of 15 headsets to the Lizard Butte Library one Friday each month to expose youth and other community members to VR. On those select Friday evenings, Barenberg plans to show folks how to enter the VR world through the “Google Expeditions” app.

Schoolchildren will benefit from the VR project through field trips that wouldn’t otherwise be possible because of expense and location, and in some cases danger.

“VR field trips can give students the experience of being right above a volcano,” Price said. “Lessons on planets, the sun and space can be enhanced by taking students on a virtual trip on the International Space Station.”

Price points out that virtual field trips can also captivate students and keep them engaged through three-dimensional images.

“Children will actually respond to the typical question from parents of ‘So what did you do at school today?’ ” Price said.

“Instead of the usual ‘Nothing,’ kids will say, ‘We took a trip to Mars!’ ”

— JPB

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Looking back...

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25 years ago

December 16, 1992

Future of Jump Creek Falls area discussed

A “meeting of the minds” concerning the problems at the Jump Creek Falls recreation area was part of the agenda at the Homedale City Council meeting last Wednesday evening, and about 20 people heard discussion on what is needed at the area.

Richard Bass, Owyhee County Commission chairman, initiated the discussion, and pointed to the lack of sanitary facilities and solid waste (trash) problems.

Jump Creek Falls is located about eight miles southeast of Homedale, and approximately the same distance from Marsing, to the southwest.

The area is relatively isolated, with one public access in and out. It was also pointed out that the sheriff’s department radios are in a “dead” area at the facility. Bass’ main concern, he said, is in the area of public health.

There are no restrooms or trash containers in the area. Jay Carlson, representing the Bureau of Land Management, the agency whose land the area is on, said the falls is “a real jewel of a resource.” The agency, along with the Homedale Kiwanis Club, Idaho National Guard, high school groups, and volunteers, developed the area as it is several years ago. However, sanitation facilities were never installed. Carlson said he agrees that there are “real sanitation problems, both solid waste and human waste.”

Bypass proposal presented to council

The projected date for awarding bids for the proposed Homedale bypass of U.S. 95 is two years away, a representative of the Idaho Transportation Department told members of the Homedale City Council last Wednesday night.

The spokesman gave a history of the proposal, which dated back to a study made in 1963-64. In April of ’65, a location hearing was held in Homedale, outlining four items in order of importance. First was the bridge; realignment from north of the bridge to the State Highway 19 junction just south of Wilder; resurfacing 95 through Homedale; and fourth, the Homedale Alternate Route, commonly referred to as the Homedale bypass.

The first three items have been completed, and the fourth had been put on hold until traffic exceeds 400 cars per day, the representative said. The total was reached in 1988, and current vehicle counts are running over 500 a day, he said.

It was pointed out that traffic between Wilder and Homedale is “almost twice” that of traffic between Marsing and Homedale.

Decathlon team tests brain power at invitational

Frank Craig’s Homedale High academic decathlon team recently competed in a grueling day of competition at the Centennial Invitational held in Boise on Dec. 12.

Twenty teams and 137 individuals vied for the right to go on to the regionals, Jan 30.

Final results have not been announced, but Homedale’s Nicole Larzelier scored second overall in the ten-event competition.

Homedale must beat A-1 teams to represent Idaho nationally, but needs only to beat out A-3 schools to take the state title. Juniors and seniors participate in the decathlon. Those going to the regionals include Tony Uranga, Nicole Larzelier, Jessica Uhlenkott, Seth Eidemiller, Michael Escobedo, Jake Bingham, Perry Grant, Djura Simic, Leslea Miller, Shane Dines, Trinity Husky.

50 years ago

December 14, 1967

Stateline Grange takes in three new members

Stateline Grange met Tuesday evening with 34 in attendance. Master Jim Cossel presided. The obligation was given to three new members. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Scott and Fred McLure, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bish came in with a permit from Middleton.

Home Ec chairman Margaret Eason gave a report on a Home Ec meeting. She and Elva Scherer announced the needlework and sewing contest will again be had this year. Esther Kolschevar, community service chairman, spoke briefly as Elva Scherer resigned as publicity chairman. Verva Ferguson consented to do it.

Candidates nominated for ’68 Chamber of Commerce directors

The nominating committee composed of James Duncan, Howard Bergesen and Merrill Baigrie has placed the following names for directors of the Chamber of Commerce for the year of 1968: William (Bill) Bredy, Clarence Ferguson, Vic Uria, Andy Warfield and Herb Fritzley. Three men will be elected for two-year terms. The holdover directors are: Dale B. Jackson, Roy Schamber, Ray Tolsma and Don Shaffer.

From the three elected directors and the holdover directors the president and vice-president will be chosen. The secretary-treasurer is an appointed office. The election will be held Dec 26. Installation will be the first meeting in January.

Dr. Russ Sayers is chairman for Santa Claus day Dec. 23 at 1:30 at which time Santa Claus will be brought to downtown Homedale and sacks of candy will be distributed to all the children.

This year, the Chamber of Commerce and the Idaho Power Company of Homedale will sponsor the Christmas decorations contest, both exterior and interior, \$30 for each division. First place \$15, second place \$10, and third place \$5. A judge or judges from out of town will be the final authority regarding the winners.

It was reported by Ray Tolsma, vice-president, that the Homedale Chamber of Commerce has a scheduled meeting with the State Highway Board early in January, 1968, concerning the Snake River bridge, and also a blinker or stop light at Main Street and U.S. 95 in downtown Homedale.

Notus defeats Trojans 68-52

The Notus Pirates, after two defeats, chalked up a 68-52 win over the Homedale High School Trojans Friday night in a basketball game at Notus. It was Homedale’s first defeat this season.

For Homedale, Mike Pearson was high with 16 and Gary Vance hit 14. Ed Louder and Lou Uranga each bagged eight points for the Trojans.

A second-half press by the Trojans backfired as Notus got its running game going and the Pirate fast break boosted its 30-23 halftime margin into a 50-37 spread after three quarters. Then Notus closed out with an 18-15 edge the final chapter.

Homedale High School news

The Debate club met for the first time on Dec. 5 and held an election.

Roy Eiguren was elected president; Gayl Phillips, vice-president; Eloise Van Slyke, corresponding secretary; Claire Jemmett, recording secretary; Sarah Brandon, treasurer; and Barry Wood, student council representative.

140 years ago

December 15, 1877

GENERAL NEWS — The Lewiston *Teller*, of a recent date, takes exceptions to our remarks regarding the proposed addition of North Idaho to Washington. The gentleman complains of the action of the Governor in withholding arms from the people of that section when the war prevailed last summer. There may be some grounds for complaint on that score, but he should not censure everybody in this section for any gubernatorial shortcomings. One of our reasons for opposition for the withdrawal of North Idaho is that it is a desirable country to have, and they are a whole-souled people in that section. If the editor of the *Teller* will visit the Boise country and Owyhee, he will experience a change of heart. He will find kindred spirits here, and all opposed to secession.

MINING NOTES — The most serious losses, which accrue to our miners, and those interested in mining operations, are those which proceed from milling. Instances are so frequent in heavy loss of mineral with the tailing that they have come to be regarded as the rule rather than the exception. There was a crushing of rock in this vicinity recently from one of our most prosperous little mines, and although the ore was pronounced by competent judges to be good for \$40 to the ton or thereabouts, it yielded a trifle more than half that, and the result is that work in the mine is discontinued. A gentleman who had some curiosity on the subject went to a ravine a few days ago below one of the mills near town and securing a promiscuous quantity of the tailings had the same assayed and it averaged \$49 to the ton. Probably as good results could be obtained from the tailings in the vicinity of every mill in the camp. The subject is deserving of earnest consideration. If a stop can be put to the heavy losses sustained in this way prosperity in mining operations will soon be more marked.

We are pleased to learn that operations will probably be resumed at the Empire next week. Telegrams were received here from San Francisco a few days ago announcing that arrangements had been made to proceed with work on the 8th level where the indications of a big Bonanza are unusually favorable.

The Potosi mine is still “under a cloud.” Liens have been filed by many of the workmen lately employed. An effort is being made, however, to resume work under new auspices, which will probably be successful.

IN A LETTER addressed to the Secretary of the Interior by James McMahon, an old Pacific Coast pioneer, he suggests a plan for disposing of the Indians by the general government laying off a large tract of land as far away from the white settlements as possible where the climate is mild, where the soil is rich, where there is good water power and plenty of timber, and name it the Indian Nation, and put all Indians that are on the reservations into that Nation; also to have a Governor appointed over the same. The proposition is a good one and deserving of favorable consideration. Mr. McMahon estimates that the Indians have cost the Government considerable over one million dollars during the past thirty years, during which time the infamous savages have murdered about ten thousand white men, women and children. It is about time that the Indian should be removed from the haunts of civilization.

Sports

Marsing boys swamp Otters for first victory of the season

Small stature doesn't hurt Huskies at Small School Showcase

The second annual Small School Showcase was Marsing High School's opportunity to exhibit its team concept.

The Huskies spread the scoring around in a 54-35 rout of Riverstone International on Saturday at Mountain View High School in Eagle.

"This was a matchup in which we controlled," MHS coach Tim Little said.

"Everyone was able to play and contributed to our first win of the season."

The Huskies snapped a season-opening three-game losing streak.

Senior post Tyler Wood had four of his team-high six rebounds on the Class 1A, Div. I Otters' end of the floor. He also connected on four of eight field goals (including a three-pointer) for nine points.

Wood also had five steals to contribute to Riverstone's 19 turnovers.

"We did well defensively and controlled the boards, which is a challenge for us due to our lack of size," Little said.

Junior Enrique Quebrado was 5-for-6 from the foul line on the

way to 15 points for Marsing. He also had three assists.

Heath Milburn scored his six points on a three-pointer and 4-for-6 shooting at the line.

Landry Villa, Merrick Hall (3-for-4 from inside the three-point line), and Dwight Sevy (3-for-5) added six points each. Sevy also had four steals.

Cash Sevy had five points and five rebounds.

Thursday: Payette 49, Marsing 42 — The Pirates knocked down foul shots late to seal a non-conference victory on their home floor.

"This was another physical matchup in which we played better defensively but had to put them on the line the last one minute, and they hit their free throws," Little said.

Quebrado scored 19 points, and Villa added seven points and seven rebounds.

The Huskies' eight-point lead with 45 seconds left in the first half dwindled to three as Payette converted a three-point play and scored on one of Marsing's 16 turnovers.

"This game them the momentum heading into halftime, and — although frustrating — this was a valuable learning experience for our young group," Little said.

Wood filled the stat sheet again with five points, four rebounds, three assists and four steals.

Heath Milburn's only points came on a trey.

Defensively dominant Huskies pound pair of 1A girls' squads

A pair of double-doubles propelled Marsing High School to an easy girls' basketball victory Friday.

Senior post Mackenzie Farrens posted another dominant performance in the Huskies' 56-29 non-conference victory over Ambrose School in Meridian.

The Class 1A, Div. I Archers committed 27 turnovers as Autumn Bennett, Ashley Loucks and Gabriela Rodriguez notched three steals each for Marsing (7-2 overall at week's end)

Farrens has regained her double-double dominance, scoring 22 points and pulling down 16 rebounds —both game highs — for her fourth double-up in as many games. Farrens hit a three-point goal and grabbed 11 boards on Ambrose's end.

The Archers were 10-for-49 from the floor, and missed 12 of 20 free throws.

Emily Loucks knocked down two three-pointers as part of her 11 points. She also chipped in 10 rebounds — including a team-leading seven on the offensive glass — and came away with seven assists.

Autumn Bennett added 10 points for the Huskies, who closed the game on an 18-8 run in the fourth quarter.

Thursday: Marsing 73, Wilder 11 — Scoring 45 of the game's first 53 points, the Huskies rolled in a non-conference matchup.

The Wildcats (0-5 overall at week's end) scored only three points after halftime, and went scoreless in the fourth quarter.

Farrens dominated inside, scoring on eight of 12 shots for 20 points.

She collected nine of her 15 rebounds on the Wilder backboards, where Marsing



Marsing High School's Autumn Bennett (right) guards Wilder's Dulce Monter during the Dec. 5 game on the Huskies' floor. Photo by Dan Pease

held a 27-4 edge.

Farrens averaged 15 points and 16.3 rebounds in a three-game stretch dating to Nov. 30.

Jessie Sevy had five defensive rebounds, and Rodriguez grabbed four of her five boards on Wilder's glass.

The Wildcats scored only a three-point goal in the second half and was 4-for-40 from the field overall. The team missed on all five of its foul shots.

Marsing scored 21 points off turnovers. Autumn Bennett led the defense with five steals to go with her six rebounds.

Ashley Loucks chipped in four steals.

Elsa Margarito was 4-for-5 from inside the three-point line, and she and Emily Loucks scored 12 points each.

MARSING HUSKIES

Girls' basketball
Elsa Margarito, sr., G
Shot 54.5%, averaged 15 points, 3.5 rebounds

Boys' basketball
Tyler Wood, sr., P
Averaged 7 points, 5 rebounds and 4.5 steals in 1-1 week

Wrestling
Adonis Stelzried, so., 145 pounds
Finished fourth in Calhoun Classic to cap five-win week.

Girls' basketball
Varsity
Thursday, Dec. 14 at Nampa Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 20, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity
Thursday, Dec. 14 at Nampa Christian, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16, home vs. Cole Valley Christian, 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 20, home vs. McCall-Donnelly, 6 p.m.

Boys' basketball
Varsity
Friday, Dec. 15, home vs. Wendell, 7:30 p.m.
Junior varsity A
Friday, Dec. 15, home vs. Wendell, 6 p.m.
Junior varsity B
Friday, Dec. 15, home vs. Wendell, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16, home vs. Adrian, 4:30 p.m.

Wrestling
Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Adrian tri-meet with Homedale, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 16 at Justin Wolfe Tournament, Glenss Ferry, 10 a.m.

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Sports



Adrian's Miller DeMark contests the shot of Cove's Chase Timmons during Friday's non-league victory on the Antelopes' floor. Photo by Bob Radford

Change at point guard opens Adrian boys' offense

Antelopes overcome turnovers to sweep weekend

Four players scored in double figures Friday as Adrian High School got its first win of the boys' basketball season. The Antelopes added 12 points to their lead over the game's final eight minutes, grabbing a 72-41 win over Cove in Adrian's home opener. Warren and Miller DeMark took more than half of their team's shots in a non-league win. "We played with a lot more intensity and emotion than we did in our first two games," first-year Antelopes coach Craig DeMark. "We defended and rebounded well, but that just goes with the intensity." Warren DeMark led the Antelopes (2-2 overall) with 21 points, while his brother Miller posted a double-double with 20 points and 18 rebounds. Andy Walker also had a

double-double, scoring 10 points and grabbing 12 boards. Playing with four fouls, Dakota Martin managed to put in 10 points, too. Warren DeMark had five steals and dropped in two three-point goals. Roberto Bahena made his debut at point guard and distributed five assists while only committing one turnover. "He did a great job of managing the game," Craig DeMark said. "(Bahena's play) opened Warren up to attack from the wing." Kirk Obendorf chimed in with six points and six rebounds. "I just also want to mention how solid Kirk Obendorf has been this season," Craig DeMark said. "He rebounds,

defends and doesn't turn the ball over. "He's also been finishing well around the basket." **Saturday: Adrian 53, Harper Charter 40** — Warren DeMark scored 15 of the Antelopes' first 17 points en route to a double-double that helped his team overcome 32 fouls and 34 turnovers. "We were plagued by turnovers and fouls but managed to fight it out for a win," Craig DeMark said. Warren DeMark led the Antelopes with 25 points and 11 steals. Adrian had to hold on through the second half after the Hornets cut their lead to three points, 24-21, by halftime. Miller DeMark's double-double of 13 points and 14 rebounds included 11 points after the intermission. Bahena and Martin fouled out, and Alex Garcia stepped up with seven rebounds.

Adrian slips in poll after two victories

Jordan Valley still No. 7 after losses to top-10 teams

Adrian High School nearly fell out of the state coaches' Top 10 despite non-league victories last weekend. The Antelopes rolled to a 75-22 non-league blowout of visiting Harper Charter on Saturday, less than 24 hours after a hard-fought 28-23 home win over Cove. No details from the Harper Charter win were available. Adrian (2-1 overall) slipped two spots to No. 10 in the 1A Oregon coaches' state poll, which was released Monday morning. Jordan Valley (1-5) stayed put at No. 1 after losing to top-ranked Nixyaawii (65-35) and No. 5 Joseph (50-44) in the Old Oregon League/High Desert League showdown at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande. The Mustangs beat host Imbler, 38-22, on Thursday for their first win of the season. According to the Oregon School Activities Association website, Jordan Valley takes on No. 2 Powder Valley in the opening round of the Union Holiday Classic in Union, Ore., at noon MST on Thursday,

Dec. 21. **Friday: Adrian 28, Cove 23** — The Antelopes rallied from a slim first-quarter deficit to win their second consecutive game. "The girls played well tonight, and they worked very hard," Adrian coach Gene Mills said. "Once again, we struggled shooting the ball, but we expect that to turn around as the season progresses." Adrian won despite converting just 16.7 percent of its field-goal attempts (10-for-60). The visiting Leopards owned a 10-6 lead after eight minutes, but were doomed by a lack of offensive opportunities. Cove took just 23 shots in 32 minutes, connecting on just eight field goals. Shyanne Allaire grabbed 10 rebounds to lead a dominant Adrian effort on the backboards. The Antelopes out-rebounded Cove, 40-25, overall, and held a 17-4 edge on their own end. The difference in the game was Adrian's eight second-chance points. Morgan Bayes scored 12 points and had eight steals. Cove committed 40 turnovers. Allaire added seven points. Sophie Pettit delivered 14 points for Cove.



Adrian High School's Morgan Bayes puts up a shot over Cove's Adriana Garinger in Friday's home game. Photo by Bob Radford

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Sports

Marsing wrestlers show they've got fight on opening night

Huskies storm back to beat Wendell

He's still waiting for one of his best wrestlers to step on the mat this season, but Jon Nelson has plenty to feel good about.

Marsing High School started its sixth season with Nelson in the coaching chair by splitting a home tri-meet against Wendell and Payette.

The Huskies are waiting for senior Mason Hall to make his 2017-18 debut as he slowly returns from a knee injury suffered in football.

But Nelson said before the Dec. 5 season opener in the Huskies gym that he nearly has enough athletes to fill out a complete dual meet roster.

Wendell and Marsing posted double forfeits at 106 pounds and heavyweight, but the Huskies placed wrestlers at nearly every other weight class during a 46-30 season-opening victory.

The match essentially came down to a pair of middleweight matches that shifted the momentum to Marsing's side of the mat.

In the 145-pound match, Adonis Stelzried bobbed-and-weaved his way into several scoring positions and beat the Trojans' Keevan Lindsay, 11-3.

The four-point major



Marsing's Troy Miller looks to the referee while trying to pin Wendell 98-pounder Quay Lindsay late in his season opener.

decision brought the Huskies within eight points, 24-16, and started a run of six consecutive MHS victories.

Isai Arriaga got the Huskies to within two points in the non-conference dual when he pinned Cole Jacobson 1 minute, 11 seconds into their 152-pound match.

Bastion Ackerman (160) picked up a forfeit victory to give Marsing the lead for good, 28-24.

Isaac Lee (120 pounds), Jaden Kinney (182) and Seth Black (195) all had forfeit wins for Marsing, and Wendell got six points for a forfeit at 138.

Troy Miller started the meet when he pinned Wendell 98-pounder Quay Lindsay with 39 seconds left in the third period.

Jesus Duran (170) needed

just 75 seconds to pin Wendell's Ethan Priebe at 170.

Payette 37, Marsing 30 — Jedidiah Crandall, who has been installed in the 220-pound slot typically held by Mason Hall, pinned his opponent in the first round for one of three Marsing victories against the Class 3A Pirates.

Crandall pinned Zack Abatti nine seconds before the end of the opening period.

Stelzried completed a perfect opening night when he pinned Payette's Aiden Montes at the 1:25 mark of their 145-pound bout.

Ackerman pinned Aliyah Dovalina 51 seconds into the overtime period of their 160-pound match.

Marsing's other points came on forfeit victories for Troy Miller (98) and Kinney (182).



Homedale's Ivan Cortez grapples with Pine Eagle (Ore.)'s Seth Butler in the junior varsity 170-pound title match. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography. For more on the Trojans' Calhoun Classic JV division success, see **Page 1B**

Homedale's Rose reaches Calhoun semis

Accustomed to long runs on the football field, Jaegar Rose nearly took it all the way in the first wrestling meet of his junior season.

The Homedale High School 145-pounder put away his first two opponents by pinfall before losing in the Calhoun Classic semifinals.

Rose was 2-2 in the two-day tournament at Nyssa High School as the Trojans finished 19th in a 22-team field.

Rose pinned Caldwell's Robert Edmonds 2 minutes, 30 seconds into their opening bout. He then qualified for the semifinals by catching McCall-Donnelly's Beau Carr 13 seconds before the end of the first round in the quarterfinals.

Hometown wrestler Chris Acosta, who went on to win the weight class championship,

pinned Rose in 2:15 in the semifinals.

Rose's tournament ended when Marsing's Adonis Stelzried pinned him at 2:35 in the consolation semifinals.

Joseph Egusquiza, a 120-pounder, got a win and forfeit in the consolation bracket before elimination at the hands of Skyview's Jose Sanchez by pinfall (2:35).

After losing to Preston Owens of Kuna in the opening round, Egusquiza got up off the mat to pin Payette's Jeremy Hendon in 2:55 of their consolation match. Egusquiza moved into the third round of the consolation bracket with a forfeit over Nyssa's Dominik Madrid.

Jorge Vega (126) and Brady Trout (170) were both winless for coach Jake Levinski.

✓ MHS: Senior Joseph Ineck falls one match short of 152-pound final

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at Nyssa High School.

But Stelzried wrestled back to the third-place match in which he battled Kuna's Malakai Moyer before bowing out in a 2-0 decision.

Stelzried was the only wrestler from Jon Nelson's Marsing squad to find the podium after the two-day tournament.

Despite putting only four wrestlers in the varsity tournament, the Huskies finished tied for 15th with Pine Eagle from Halfway, Ore. Both schools scored 23 points.

Senior Joseph Ineck reached the semifinals at 152 pounds before a major decision loss to hometown wrestler Elijah Cleaver.

Cleaver defeated Ineck, 14-1, before falling in the championship match.



Marsing sophomore Adonis Stelzried tries to get the upper hand against Kuna's Malakai Moyer in their third-place match Saturday in Nyssa, Ore. Photo by Sarah Grossman / Freeze the Day Photography

Ineck rolled into the semifinals with a pin against Fruitland's Skyler MacKenzie (4:10) and a 12-2 major decision over Vale, Ore.'s Josh

Andersen.

Ineck's tournament ended in the consolation semifinals with a 6-2 loss to Emmett's Wyatt Bailey.

dleton's Braeden Davis beat Duran, 6-0, in the consolation bracket.

Seth Black wrestled two Class 4A athletes at 195 pounds.

Emmett's Jake Johnson pulled off a 5-0 decision in the opening round, and Skyview's Tyler Duff pinned Black in 4:29 of their consolation-bracket match.

Stelzried's comeback from the opening-round setback featured four consecutive consolation bracket wins.

He pinned Homedale junior Jaegar Rose in 2:35 to reach the third-place match.

Stelzried pinned Caldwell's Robert Edmonds in 4:33 and moved into the consolation semifinals with a forfeit against New Plymouth's Hunter Beus.

Commentary

Baxter Black, DVM

On the edge of common sense
The dog and the rabbit



Have you ever been embarrassed by yer good dog? Me either! I’ve got a good dog. An Australian shepherd with one blue eye, and I believe he loves me. I believe I love him. He’ll go with me anywhere. When I say, “You wanna go?” He don’t ask, “Where you goin’? Goin’ to the game store?” No, he don’t care; he just wants to go. And did you ever notice that it don’t matter whether you been gone five minutes or five days, yer dog is so glad to see ya. Can you think of a single human being that is that glad to see ya? Yer fixin’ to leave, walk out to the pickup and forget somethin’ so you run back inside. Yer dog licks yer hand. Your spouse says, “I thought you left!”

I’ve got a neighbor. A good neighbor. And when you live on the outskirts, a good neighbor is someone who lives just the right distance away. Close enough to circle the wagons but far enough away to allow that privacy people like us seem to value. (“I believe those are Kansas plates, Mother,” he said sighting through his binoculars).

Anyway, she gets home ’bout a quarter after five every day. Goes through the house and comes out the back door wearin’ her coveralls. In her backyard, she has a long line of rabbit hutches and she spends, what is to me, an inordinate amount of time messin’ with them rabbits ... talkin’ to ’em ... singin’ ’em little rabbit songs.

Now I’m sittin’ out on the back porch one afternoon in my porch swing. It’s about 2:30. I’m done workin’. I’ve already thought up somethin’. I look out in the driveway, and there’s my good dog and he has got a ... and you know how you can tell it ain’t a jackrabbit? They aren’t black and white, they don’t have them big floppy ears, and he has got this rabbit between his teeth and he’s thrashin’ him like a shark with a ham hock! There’s dirt and leaves and brush and gravel flyin’ all over. I jumped up and grabbed that rabbit! “Go git in the pickup, you *#@^ ...!” That rabbit looked bad. Looked like he caught on fire and somebody put him out with the weedeater!

I ran in the house and run the tub full of warm water. Tested it with my elbow. Then I got some of my wife’s good shampoo. She gets it at the Holiday Inn; it ain’t that big a deal. I sudsed him up twice then moussed him with my daughter’s mousse. Made him sticky. You could thwack him on the tile, peel him off like Velcro. Then I run upstairs to the laundry and put him in the dryer. When he came out he was fluffy, looked like an electrocuted porcupine!

I carried him to my neighbor’s house. Sure enuf, the last hutch on the end was cocked open, and it was empty. I took that rabbit and folded him ... into a rabbit position. Put a smile on his lips — all three of ’em. Gave him a Camel filter and leaned him up against the wire.

I went back to the house and commenced to rockin’. ’Bout a quarter after five I saw my neighbor drive up. She got out, went through the house and came out the back wearin’ her covies. She started down that long line of rabbit hutches. Talkin’ to ’em. Singin’ ’em little rabbit songs. “Here comes Peter Cottontail, hoppin’ down the bunny trail ...” All of sudden I heard her scream!

I ran over there, bein’ the good neighbor that I was, “What’s wrong? What’s wrong?”

“My rabbit,” she cried.

I looked in the cage and the poor little duffer had fell over. One ear broke off. It didn’t look good.

I stroked him gently and said, “Ma’am, I b’lieve he is dead.” I was a veterinarian, I could tell.

“Yes,” she said, “But what bothers me is I buried him three days ago!”

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Americans
for Limited Government
Shrinking monuments first step in shifting public lands control

by Printus LeBlanc

On Dec. 4, President Trump traveled to Utah and signed two proclamations giving control of large portions of Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante Monuments back to the people of Utah and Nevada. However, the mainstream media acted like President Trump kicked a puppy on live TV. The president did nothing more than address a significant issue facing states west of Texas and let them over-see some of the land they live on.

Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) was in favor of the move stating, “President Trump did the people of Utah a great favor today by rolling back harmful land-use restrictions in southern Utah.”

Lee knows what most people in western states believe: They are the best stewards of the lands they live on, not a Washington bureaucrat.

President Theodore Roosevelt signed the Antiquities Act of 1906 into law on June 8, 1906. The law gave the sitting president the authority to create national monuments from federal lands. The act has been controversial, particularly in states west of Texas. When Jimmy Carter designated several monuments in Alaska in 1978, thousands of protesters burned Carter in effigy.

No president used the act more than Barack

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From Washington
All hands on deck in opioid fight

The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors (ASCLD) issued an urgent public alert regarding the toxicity of illegal drugs being circulated on American streets advising, “The street drugs the public may be exposed to can be so dangerous that even trace amounts can be fatal when ingested, inhaled or even absorbed through the skin.” ASCLD reported a 6,000 percent increase in fentanyl cases witnessed in laboratories between 2012 and 2016 that “corresponds directly with the overdose deaths being seen nationwide.”

The Congressional Research Service provides the following explanation of what is an opioid, “An opioid is a type of drug that when ingested binds to opioid receptors in the body — many of which control a person’s pain and other functions. While these drugs are widely used to alleviate pain, some are abused by being taken in a way other than prescribed (e.g., in greater quantity) or taken without a doctor’s prescription. Many prescription pain medications, such as hydrocodone and fentanyl, are opioids, as is heroin (an entirely illicit drug).”

The Idaho State Police (ISP) reports a 958 percent increase in heroin-positive drug items from 2011 to 2016. ISP has also seen a 15 percent increase in toxicology opioid cases in the last fiscal year.

Efforts are under way at the federal level to assist with local and state work to address the opioid crisis affecting American families and communities:

- On Oct. 26, President Donald Trump directed the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to declare the opioid crisis a public health emergency — expanding access to telemedicine services; enabling more quick temporary appointments of specialists to respond to the emergency; providing assistance to help workers who have been displaced from the workforce because of the opioid crisis, subject to available funding; and other actions.

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- I joined 31 of my Senate colleagues, including fellow Idaho Sen. Jim Risch, in sending a bipartisan letter to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) requesting that the DOJ provide to Congress within 30 days a comprehensive list of the ways the department is engaging with and supporting state and local forensic science service providers with the nation’s opioid epidemic.
- On Dec. 7, 2016, I joined my Senate colleagues to enact the 21st Century Cures Act that authorizes new funding, made available through the State Targeted Response, to the Opioid Crisis Grants at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). These grants are awarded to states and territories through a formula based on unmet need for opioid abuse disorder treatment and drug poison deaths. SAMHSA grants will be used to support state efforts to increase access to treatment, reduce unmet treatment needs and reduce opioid-related overdose deaths.
- I supported passage of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), which became public law on July 22, 2016. CARA aims to address prescription drug abuse and heroin use by authorizing the U.S. Attorney

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Commentary

Financial management

Celebrate salary boost modestly then knock out remaining debt

Dear Dave,
I just accepted a new job that will pay me \$30,000 a year more than my old position. I've got about \$55,000 in debt I've been working hard to pay off, and I know now I need to adjust my budget. Do you have any advice?
— Mitch

Dear Mitch,
The first thing I'd say is don't go crazy on any big-ticket items while you're paying off debt. Keep it simple, and go out to celebrate with a nice dinner after you get your first paycheck. Remember, the more you put toward debt, the faster it goes away.
For the time being, I want you to remain passionate

about getting out of debt. Your thought process needs to be, "Wow, I got a new job making more money. I can get out of debt even quicker!"
Again, I'm OK with you adjusting a bit that first month and having a little fun to celebrate your good fortune. But after that, I want you to turn around and attack that debt with even more intensity than before. Then, once you're out of debt, you can celebrate that with something a lot nicer.
Congratulations, Mitch!
— Dave

Dear Dave,
You say to never give collectors access to your checking account. Does that include



debit cards, too?
— Sue
Dear Sue,
Yes, it does! Collectors are looking to get as much as they

can on a bad, late debt. I've seen numerous situations where collectors have taken more than the agreed-upon amount from someone's account once they gained access. To be fair, the collection business does have a few good people in it. But it also has those who will lie and make threats.
If you're doing something like scheduling utility payments to come through your debit card or out of your personal checking account, that's perfectly fine. But there are much safer ways to handle situations with debt collectors. You can send a money order overnight, or wire the cash to them. You can also send a cashier's check. Some folks have even used pre-paid debit cards

that aren't attached to any of their accounts.
The pre-paid debit card isn't my favorite way to handle these things, but it's a lot better than giving a dishonest collector the opportunity to really mess you up!
— Dave
— Dave Ramsey is CEO of Ramsey Solutions. He has authored seven best-selling books, including The Total Money Makeover. The Dave Ramsey Show is heard by more than 13 million listeners each week on 585 radio stations and multiple digital platforms. Follow Dave on the web at daveramsey.com and on Twitter at @Dave Ramsey.

✓ Monuments: Western lands are predominantly federally controlled

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Obama. Obama used the act 29 times to designate more than 550 million acres of land and sea as national monuments, an area almost as large as Texas and Alaska (596 million acres combined). Many citizens of Utah felt the same way Alaskans did in 1978, without the effigy burning, when Obama created the National Bears Ears Park in the waning days of his administration.
One of the states most harmed by the Antiquities Act is Utah. The federal government controls a significant portion of the state.
The 18 federal areas in Utah equal an area almost as large as West Virginia. This doesn't include the National Recreation Areas, Historic Sites, Trails, Wilderness Areas, Wildlife Refuges, Recreation Trails, and Scenic Byways. When you add up the total federally controlled land in Utah, it equals an area larger than Wisconsin, an astounding 66.5 percent of the state.
Utah isn't even the worse state. The federal government controls 84.9 percent of Nevada, and these are not the exceptions, but the norm in western states. The feds control more than 60 percent of Idaho.
In the 13 states west of Texas, including Alaska and Hawaii, the federal government controls 46.7 percent of the land, taking control away from state and local authorities.

Not only are state and local governments closer to the people, but they are also better administrators of the land. The smaller, more agile local governments are able to get more bang for their buck than the leviathan in Washington D.C. A 2015 study by the Property and Environment Research Center found the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management generate only 73 cents for every

Federal land in Utah		
The chart below shows the acreage in just the National Parks, Monuments, and Forests, before President Trump's actions.		
National Parks	Acres	Comparison
Bryce Canyon	35,835	1.67 Mannhattans
Canyonlands	337,598	43% of Rhode Isl.
Capitol Reef	241,904	
Zion	146,597	
National Monuments	Acres	Comparison
Bear Ears	1,351,849	Larger than Del.
Cedar Breaks	6,155	
Dinosaur	210,844	
Grand Staircase-Escalante	1,880,461	
Hovenweep	784	
Natural Bridges	7,636	
Rainbow Bridge	160	
Timpanogos	250	
National Forest	Acres	Comparison
Ashley	1,382,346	
Dixie	1,889,106	
Fishlake	1,461,226	
Manti La Sal	1,270,886	
Sawtooth	2,110,408	1.66 Delawares
Uinta-Wasatch	1,607,177	

the president to declare lands a monument without consultation of the local population. Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) has introduced H.R. 1489, the Marine Access and State Transparency Act, that amends the Antiquities Act to require local approval before lands can be designated.
What is wrong with giving local people local control of the land they live on? I guess in the world of

State and local control are critical to the western lands. State and local authorities are closer and more responsive to its citizens. After all, they are there. As much as members of Congress may want to be with their constituents, time and distance are not on their side. Many of the districts in the West are larger than states in the East. It sometimes takes almost six hours to get to a congressional district office.

dollar spent, while local governments generated a return of \$14.51 on land management.
Congress could easily cut the BLM and Forest Service by half, and give control of half the land to local and state governments, saving money federally and generating revenue locally.
President Trump can only do so much. Congress must act to pass legislation that limits the power of

corporate cronyism, companies like outdoor clothing manufacturer Patagonia, which opposes returning control of land to the people who live there, just assume the people should foot the bill for their corporate sensibilities.
— Printus LeBlanc is a contributing editor for Americans for Limited Government.

✓ Opioid: President, Congress work against strong tide of drug abuse

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General to award grants to states that address substance abuse and promote treatment and recovery. It also directs the HHS to create a Pain Management Best Practices Inter-Agency Task Force as well as a bipartisan Task Force on Recovery and Collateral Consequences. CARA authorizes the Center for

Substance Abuse Treatment to award grants to state substance abuse agencies.
We must get a handle on this crisis, which claimed more than 59,000 lives in 2016, devastates families and erodes our country. The struggle with addiction is an uphill battle that requires strength, courage and efforts at all levels to help protect Americans from

these abuses.
— Republican Mike Crapo is Idaho's senior member of the U. S. Senate. He is in his fourth six-year term and has served in the Senate since 1999. Prior to that, he was a three-term Idaho Second District congressman.

Public notices

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Sports

HEMISPHERIC HOOPS



The teams, coaches and officials pose for a photo after Friday’s basketball game between Homedale High School and Oakhill College of Sydney, Australia.



Homedale High School senior Mia Sickinger (left) is backed by her schoolmates as she holds a sign depicting the Americans’ sentiment for their Australian guests.



The Australian flag stood in a corner of the Homedale High School gymnasium near the Oakhill College bench.



Oakhill College co-coach Jo Hemmings (left) chats with her Homedale counterpart, Chad Mann, in the aftermath of Friday’s game.



Homedale’s Mason Kincheloe angles in on a layup against the defense of Oakhill College’s Lee Forster.

✓ Homedale: Trojans break out fast-paced, 3-ball offense

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before moving on to the Denver area for a couple more contests.

Oakhill was led onto the court by co-coaches Troy McMurriah and Jo Hemmings.

McMurriah said the varsity and junior varsity players, ranging in grades from eighth to 11th, had never even “trained” (the Aussie euphemism for practice) together before making a 38-hour flight to Boise.

The team landed Thursday, got some sleep and then spent Friday at The College of Idaho and Boise State University before arriving in Homedale for a doubleheader that started with a junior varsity game.

The Aussies looked rusty on the floor against Homedale, missing several shots and falling into a 31-point deficit heading into the fourth quarter.

But Joe Mules scored two three-point goals and Jamie Munro and Nathan McCranor each knocked down a trey as part of Oakhill’s 16-point final period.

“The guys from Australia did a phenomenal job,” Mann said.

Homedale’s Carson Brown led all scorers with 23 points. He flung in seven three-point goals.

The Trojans took advantage of the Aussies’ ball-handling woes to ignite the run-and-gun offense for 10 three-point



Oakhill College’s John Nati comes down with a defensive rebound as teammate Matt Wehrmann (7) looks on.

goals.

“It’s about time,” Mann said of his team’s offensive strategy finally falling into place in the season’s fourth game.

The Trojans (2-3 at week’s end) lost

its Saturday non-conference game, 64-60, to visiting Melba. Statistics weren’t provided.

Against Oakhill College, Homedale also got deep shots from Arnulfo Llamas (13 points), Mason Kincheloe (nine points) and Nelson Lomeli (seven points).

“Arnulfo Llamas has been such a firecracker for our team,” Mann said. “It’s a huge jump from the frosh team to the varsity team for your sophomore year.”

Nathan McCranor, who apologized to a couple middle-school-aged spectators after he slapped a ball out of bounds in their general direction, led Oakhill with nine points. Mules scored six of his seven points in the fourth quarter.

When the final buzzer sounded, both teams stayed on the court and exchanged pleasantries.

“It means a lot to me because I think these guys are going to remember this for the rest of the lives,” Mann said.

Afterward, HHS students milled about on the hardwood chatting with the Australian athletes and even exchanging phone numbers.

“The teams over here are great,” McMurriah said.

“But biggest thing is meeting people,” the coach said, motioning to the postgame camaraderie. “This is what it’s all about.”

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